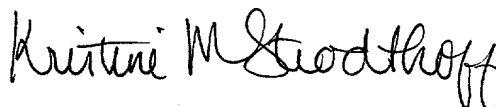


REMARKS

Consideration of the pending Claims 1-23 is requested. Additional support for the amended claims 21-23 is in the specification at page 25.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney if any questions should arise.

Respectfully submitted,



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